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***MEDIA ADVISORY:***  
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The two transformers that failed at the Bonneville Power Administration's Hot Springs Substation were not laced with PCBs. In fact, the transformers contained 14 parts per million and five parts per million of PCBs in the mineral oil, which is far below the Environmental Protection Agency's regulated limit of 50 parts per million. Common household electrical equipment may contain PCB levels that exceed those found in the transformers at Hot Springs. BPA doesn't consider exposure to be a concern to the general public.

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